

PENSACOLA has a Depth of 33 Feet of Water in the Channel at the Entrance of the Harbor.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN MARCHING ON BURNED TO DEATH TO BLOEMFONTEIN

Horrible Tragedy in a Newark Tenement.

The Men Fought Their Way Through the Panic Stricken Women and Children and Escaped—Many Jumped from Second Story Windows—Supposed Incendiary Arrested.

NEWARK, N. J., March 12.—Fire started this morning in the old Italian church at Roseville and a two-story frame converted tenement house in which thirty families were lodged.

It took but a moment for the flames to envelope the entire structure, eventually cutting off escape.

The panic-stricken inmates numbered nearly half a hundred and twenty of them were children, who were forsaken in the wild rush.

Men and women jumped from the second story and from the roof. Owing to the furnace-like character of the flames the firemen were unable to reach them with ladders.

Fifteen bodies have been taken out and twenty-five others are missing. Nearly all the dead are children. Of the missing fifteen are children and nine women. None of the men lost their lives. They fought their way through the crowd of panic-stricken women and children and escaped.

The supposed incendiary has been arrested.

ENGLISH WAR LOAN.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company Subscribes For £2,000,000.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has subscribed for £2,000,000 of the new English war loan. The company at first offered to take this amount outright, and even now hopes to secure it. The offer of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was made before the books were officially opened for subscription, and, it is believed, stands to-day as the largest subscription for investment made in this country.

A Schooner Ashore.

NORFOLK, March 12.—The schooner Lizzie S. James went ashore this morning on Hatteras Inlet bar, near Cape Hatteras, where the wind blowing a furious 50-knot gale. The schooner is too far off to be reached by life lines and no boat could live in the surf. The James was lumber laden. Capt. Howard and the crew of five are in imminent peril.

Dip Shamrocks in Ink.

LONDON, March 12.—Anna Parnell, sister of Charles Stewart Parnell, writes to the nationalist papers, suggesting that Irish soldiers, who cannot refrain from wearing shamrock, dip them in ink until dishonor is wiped out by final triumph over the Boers or in some other way.

The Theatre Francaise

PARIS, March 12.—The government will ask the chambers for a credit of two million, two hundred thousand francs to rebuild the burned Theatre Francaise.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures any case of bronchitis, lung affection and grippe. Physicians prescribe this reliable remedy, and Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is recommended by the medical profession, and costs but 25 cents a bottle.

THE POLICE COURT.

Two Colored Vagrants Sent up For 30 Days Each.

There were twenty-five cases before Mayor Hilliard in the police court this morning, of which three were discharged. The fines aggregated \$167.50.

James E. Curran, white, charged with assaulting his wife with his belt was fined \$25. His wife was fined \$10 for being drunk and disorderly.

Josephine Wright, charged with being a suspicious character, was discharged.

Will Wiggins and Will Henry, two colored vagrants, were each sent up for 30 days.

Stella Evans and Rog Willis, charged with visiting a place where lewdness and indecency is practiced, were each fined \$10.

Chas. Powers and Jack Maloney, charged with fighting, were each fined \$5.

Chas. Powers, charged with an assault with a brick, was fined \$5.

Serviceable Wagons.

Best material, best ironing, latest improvements, lowest prices. These wagons apply to the A. I. Wagons sold by J. M. Hilliard & Co.

7. All Stages of Nasal Catarrh there could be cleanliness. As experience proves, Ely's Cream Balm is a most soothing and healer of the inflamed membrane. It is not drying, irritating, and does not produce sneezing. Price 50 cents at all druggists or it will be mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. Upon being placed into the nostrils it spreads over the membrane and relief is immediate. It is an agreeable cure.

FIGHTING RESUMED IN SOUTH AFRICA

Twelve Thousand British Are Closing on the Boers.

PREPARATIONS FOR SIEGE

Kruger Has Returned to Pretoria. Joubert Said to Be There Also—The Rumors of Mafeking's Relief Not Confirmed.

LONDON, March 12.—The war office today received a dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated at 5 a. m. at Asvogel Kopje, saying that his forces were unopposed during their march yesterday.

Gen. Gatacre reports that he was within a mile of Bethulie railroad bridge yesterday. The bridge was partially destroyed and the Boers were holding the opposite bank.

At the present rate of progress Lord Roberts' forces should be at Bloemfontein by Wednesday.

It is possible that the Boers may make a determined stand at the outskirts of the town, or it may be that for strategic reasons they will merely harass the British advance, then fall back and permit them to enter the capital.

Canadian and Australian volunteers who were here recently were unanimously in favor of eradicating the two republics and to have all future cases of rebellion tried before a judge and two military officers, but the Cape Dutch who were captured at Sunnyside and have already been arraigned in the civil courts will be tried by jury at Cape Town at the April assizes. The government will ask parliament to organize a special court for such cases.

A Cape Town dispatch says the publication of President Kruger's appeal to the burghers was received joyfully by the British, as it proves to their satisfaction that the Boers have been disorganized by recent defeats.

The Cape Times discourages the active agitation in support of the annihilation of the two republics and advises the people to have confidence in Great Britain, as that government will make the settlement entirely satisfactory.

Cecil Rhodes intends sending Mr. Baker, a noted architect, to Egypt, Rome and Athens to study the Mausoleums there. When he returns he will erect a Mausoleum at Kimberly in memory of those killed in the siege.

Suing for Peace.

An official of the foreign office informed a correspondent that President Kruger and Steyn have asked Lord Salisbury through the consul of a European power to state terms upon which peace can be arranged. The request was not accompanied by any declaration as to what terms they would accept.

It is said that Italy is the country asked to assist in making peace overtures.

A Paris special says Dr. Leyds denies the story that Kruger and Steyn have cabled a peace protocol to Salisbury.

THE KENTUCKY WAR.

Secretary of State Powers and Capt. Davis Taken to Louisville.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 12.—Secretary of State Powers and Captain Davis, under arrest charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel, were secretly taken from jail between midnight and daybreak to-day and in charge of Sheriff Sutter of Frankfort were driven overland to Versailles, where it is reported they were placed on the train and taken to Louisville. The officers will say nothing and the guards at the jail profess ignorance as to the movements of Sheriff Sutter and his prisoners. The removal of the prisoners has caused much excitement.

Cotton Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Cotton is quoted to-day as follows: March and April, 9.33; June, 9.26; July, 9.24; August, 9.12; September, 8.24; October, 7.92.

Coming, the Alba Haywood Co., the celebrated comedian supported by several musical artists of renown. Don't fail to get tickets. Price 75 cents. Benefit of B. P. O. Elks charity fund. Clutter's Hall, Monday evening, 19th inst. m12tf

Road Cars and Sulkies.

Your choice of several popular styles, guaranteed for wear, and at the lowest living prices, at J. M. Hilliard & Co's.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill. For Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. MEARLE, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by Hannah Bros., 21 South Palatka street.

Lord Roberts has not reported up to this hour today, but the military authorities are of the opinion that General French must be nearing Bloemfontein.

In some quarters General French is credited with the design to corral both presidents, whose exact whereabouts, however, are difficult to ascertain at this distance.

The war office is unable to confirm the rumors of the relief of Mafeking, but the service club's trend of belief is that that will be possible in a few days. Possibly this belief is the outcome of the recent revelations indicating that if the relief column is to accomplish anything it must arrive without delay.

So Many People are Exposed to rain, cold and storms, that it is necessary that they should have something to counteract the effects. A mixture of a teaspoonful of PAIN-KILLER in water sweetened, will stimulate the system and ward off any possibility of cold. It has been used for sixty years all over the world, and millions testify to its sterling worth. There is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

Cotton Instead of Tobacco.

RALEIGH, March 10.—John Cunningham, the largest tobacco grower in North Carolina, and chairman of the state board of agriculture, says he learns from reports that the eastern North Carolina growers will not plant as much tobacco this year as formerly, as they intend to largely increase their cotton acreage. They are greatly dissatisfied with the prices of the last tobacco crop. Great quantities of bright tobacco are grown in eastern North Carolina, and the action there is important.

Alliance Renounces Politics.

RALEIGH, March 10.—Ten years ago the Farmers' Alliance was organized in all North Carolina counties, save three. It had over 1,500 sub-alliances and 105,000 members. The order went into politics and created the Populist party. Then it nearly collapsed. The state secretary said today that it is growing, and that it has organizations in about 50 counties, with about 350 sub-alliances. Alliancemen declare that they have dropped politics forever.

Mrs. Cain Burned.

RINGGOLD, Ga., March 10.—Mrs. Mattie Cain, wife of Ruel Cain, who is a brother of Sheriff Cain, of this county, was horribly burned by fire yesterday morning at Pleasant Grove, her home, in this county. The attending physician thinks she has but slight chances to recover. Her clothing caught from the fireplace.

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Elegant bed room sets, or cheap ones, whichever you want, at Marston & Finch's.

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DEMOCRATS SCORE IN KENTUCKY COURT

Judge Fields Decides That He Has No Jurisdiction.

LEGISLATURE IS SUPREME

Governorship Controversy Still Unsettled—Republicans Will Carry the Case to State Court of Appeals—Review of Case.

LOUISVILLE, March 10.—A decision sustaining the contention of the Democrats that the legislature is the tribunal designated by the constitution for the determination of contests for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, was handed down in the circuit court today by Judge Fields. The Republicans will appeal the case to the state court of appeals, and if the decision there is against them they will try to get a hearing before the United States supreme court.

Judge Fields reviews the history of the case and the pleadings of both sides, but devotes most of his opinion to quoting courts of last resort involving the competency of the legislature to decide similar disputes. He quotes the report of the contest boards, finding in favor of the Democratic contestants for governor and lieutenant governor, and says that while the legislature was dispersed by militia before these reports were acted upon and was barred from its usual sitting place, the records of the legislature show that the reports declaring Beckham governor were adopted by a quorum of each house of the legislature. This showing of the records he holds to be sufficient. The line of authority to the effect that the courts cannot inquire into the motives which induced the action of the legislature he declares is unbroken and must be taken as the law.

To the argument that there was no quorum when the general assembly approved the reports of the contest boards and that it had been adjourned, the foregoing authorities say the statement of the legislative records that there was then a quorum is sufficient.

Judge Fields concludes as follows: "The report of the contest board does not indicate upon which or how many of the contestant's grounds of contest it acted, whether upon the alleged tissue ballots or military interference or other of the numerous grounds specified and I am not permitted upon this hearing to look into the evidence; but if this party has sustained by proof the charges of fraud made against the other in the pleadings and this was a proper place for the application of that principle, I would hold them to be in pari delicto as violators of the law and refuse to aid either of them."

"Difficulties give way to diligence," and disease germs and blood humors disappear when Hood's Sarsaparilla is faithfully taken.

PROMINENT MEN ARRESTED. Well Known Kentuckians Charged With the Murder of Goebel.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 10.—W. H. Coulton of Jackson county, a clerk in the office of State Auditor Sweeney, was arrested and placed in jail tonight charged with complicity in the murder of the late Governor Goebel. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Williams at 9 o'clock. Warrants charging the same offense have also been issued for the arrest of Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Captain John W. Davis, policeman of the state capital square, but they have not been served.

Warrants against ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley and John T. Powers, brother of Secretary of State Powers, charging them with being accessories to the Goebel assassination, have been sworn out and sent to Whitley county for service. Davis is in the city tonight, but was not at his residence, and up to a late hour the police had not found him. It is not known if Secretary Powers is in the city.

The warrants on which Coulton was arrested, and for the arrest of the two Powers, Finley and Davis, were based on an affidavit made by Thomas B. Cronwell of Lexington, Ky., before County Judge Moore. Cronwell has been assisting the detectives in hunting down the case and it is said that acting under directions from Colonel T. C. Campbell and Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin he spent several days in Hardin, Bell, Whitley and Knox counties, where it is alleged the evidence against the parties arrested was secured.

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Departments Clogged With Useless Employees.

PROBLEM FOR CONGRESS TO SOLVE

How to Clear the Civil Service of Superannuated and Inefficient Men. Senator Allison's Long Service. Joke on Depew.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—[Special.]—There is a great problem which congress will some time be called upon to solve, and the longer it is put off the more difficult it will be. That shall be done with the old and superannuated employees of the departments in Washington? These have been on the increase, and there are now so many carried on the rolls that the business is clogged and the department chiefs are wondering what they can do with them. Some of the senators who have been investigating the matter estimate that there are from 500 to 800 employees in each of the eight departments here who are not capable of earning anything as government clerks and who really perform no duty to speak of for the government. No head of a department desires to discharge these old clerks and worn-out employees. It is one of the most heartrending sights imaginable to see any number of employees get the "little yellow envelope," which is the signal of dismissal. Any attempt to discharge the old employees brings about a series of protests, and oftentimes the most useless have the most influence.

Practically a Pension List. There is the greatest sort of an outcry at the mere suggestion that there should be a civil pension list, and yet since all the old clerks who are of no more use are still maintained on the rolls the result differs little from a pension list. Nearly every cabinet officer is aware that with a capable and efficient force there could be great reductions in the number of people in the departments who are virtually living on Uncle Sam. The civil service law is blamed by those who advocate its repeal as being responsible for keeping in office the inefficient employees, but it can be directly traced to the heads of the departments having the power to discharge those clerks who are not efficient, who do not have the heart to set adrift those men and women who have been working in the departments for years and who have not in all that time saved even a dollar for their old age. In some departments these old clerks have been reduced to the lowest grades and retained on the pay roll. By this means they get more than they would by any of the means proposed for their pension, either by creating a civil list or by taxing those who are drawing salaries to pay those who are no longer useful.

Want Him to Break a Record. "The people of Iowa expect to see Senator Allison break the record in point of long service in the senate," remarked Representative Dolliver. "He is now in a fair way to do it. He will have 30 years to his credit at the end of his present term and is sure to be re-elected. He has just passed his seventy-first birthday and is now more vigorous and hearty than many men at 50 and 60."

"When are you coming to the senate?" I asked Mr. Dolliver, having in mind the oft repeated assertion that every member of the house is a candidate for the senate.

"Not for ten years, even if I ever come," was his response. "I may not even remain in congress. I do not know that there is much more for me in the house, and I have been thinking of devoting myself to travel and study."

In reply to a query as to an income which would enable him to indulge in such a luxury Mr. Dolliver said he would create an income that he could in two months on the lecture platform make as much as he receives during a year in congress. I was rather surprised to learn that the Chautauquans of California have agreed to pay him \$2,000 and expenses to deliver a course of lectures to that association this year.

Depew's Speeches. Senator Depew always furnishes advance copies of any noted speech he is going to make, and the general impression is that he follows this prepared copy to the word, having committed the speech to memory. The senator tells me that any one hearing his

speech and a day or two later reading it would be sure that it was the same, as the main thought, the continuity and much of the expression would be the same. But if a person should read the manuscript while the speech was being delivered he would find a great deal of difference and that the senator does not confine himself closely to the text. He makes no claim to feats of memory possessed by some and often diverges when talking, the better to illustrate a point. They are having a good laugh at Senator Depew as a result of his method of preparing and delivering speeches. When he made his noted speech on the Philippines, he had, as usual, prepared it. In the senate, under the inspiration of the occasion, he delivered a much better speech than he had prepared, and he decided to publish in The Record the better one and so informed the stenographer. "Why, senator," replied the man, "we knew you had the speech printed in slips, and so we did not take it down in shorthand." And the speech as prepared, not as delivered, goes into the official records archives of congress.

ARTHUR W. DUNN.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

THE ST. LOUIS CAR STRIKE.

Company Refuses Demands and Men Begin to Turn In Cars.

ST. LOUIS, March 10.—The St. Louis Transit company, it has announced, has refused the demands of its employees for higher wages, shorter hours and a recognition of their union.

On receipt of the information that the company had refused their demands in full, men employed on different lines, it is reported, began to turn their cars in, inaugurating the strike without waiting for orders from their headquarters.

President Lincoln's Body Moved.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 10.—The remains of Abraham Lincoln were today transferred from the crypt of the National Lincoln monument to a temporary vault, just north of the monument and on the brow of a hill overlooking Oak Ridge cemetery. The removal of the body was made necessary for the demolition of the monument preparatory to its entire reconstruction on a different plan, for which \$100,000 was appropriated by the last legislature.

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Attention, Candidates. Every candidate for county office is requested to attend a meeting at the office of Judge T. R. McCullagh at 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday March 13, to complete the plans for the primaries. F. B. BOWEN, Chairman.

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